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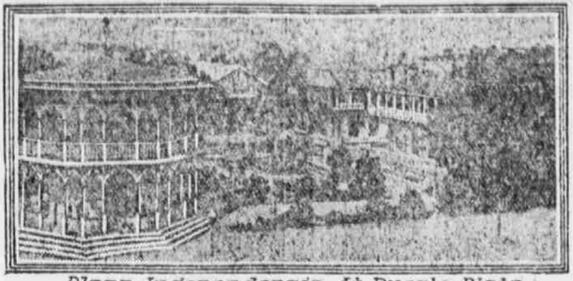
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ROMANCE IN CONNECTION WITH SWEDISH DYNASTY

Although of peasant extraction Oscar II. of Sweden has for so many years been the most imposing and majestic-looking figure among the sovereigns of the Old World that the news of his having been forced by illness and old age to surrender his scepter to his eldest son and to step down from the throne as incapable of fulfilling any longer the onerous duties of rulership will be received with a feeling of regret even in this country, where popular sentiment is so averse to monarchical forms of government.

Oscar was until a few months ago a superb specimen of manhood, towering head and shoulders over every other king and emperor in Europe with the exception of Leopold of Belgium, while his wonderfully varied gifts and talents, his unusual culture and his singularly sunny disposition imparted to his manner an extraordinary charm and fascination that made themselves felt to all those who had the privilege of approaching him.

Indeed, for those who believe in the advantages of blue blood and of ancient lineage it was difficult to realize that this grand-looking prince, so truly kingly in appearance and yet withal so simple and so democratic in his ways, was the grandson of a Pyrenean peasant and the great-grandson on the distaff side of a Marseilles shopkeeper.

The Swedish Dynasty.
There are few stories more romantic than that of the present Swedish dynasty. Gustavus IV., the last monarch but one of the House of Vasa, was brought to the throne at the early age of 14 by the assassination of his father in that very palace at Stockholm where Oscar a few days ago turned over the reins of government to his eldest son.

Gustavus IV. proved a most unsatisfactory ruler, and in 1809 was deposed by means of a military pronouncement, forced to sign his abdication after a most dramatic hand-to-hand struggle with General Alderkantz and the officers implicated in the conspiracy and was then banished, along with his consort and his children, his uncle taking his place on the throne as Charles XIII. The latter being childless and an admirer of France and of Napoleon, selected the French Field Marshal Bernadotte, who had been born as a peasant near Pau and who had risen from the ranks, to become his heir, induced the national Diet at Stockholm to ratify his choice and established him in the Swedish capital as Crown Prince.

Bernadotte, who took the name of Charles John, soon made himself the real ruler of the kingdom, associating himself heartily with his adopted land, and in 1813, when Napoleon's star began to wane, joined the powers which were striving to crush the emperor. His services in bringing about the latter's overthrow caused the Congress of Vienna to leave him undisturbed in the place which he had attained at Stockholm, and in 1818, on the death of Charles XIII., the last of the Vasa line of kings, he ascended the throne under the title of Charles XIV., his wife, Desree, daughter of the Marseilles stockbroker Clary and grandchild of a Marseilles shopkeeper, becoming Queen of Sweden and Norway.

Napoleon Jilted Her.
Queen Desree, it may be added, was at one time betrothed to the first Emperor Napoleon, who jilted her, Her grandson, King Oscar, is the authority for this assertion, and it will be found likewise in the novel which he published some years ago under the pen name of "O. Frederik" and entitled "A Romance of the Times of Napoleon and of Bernadotte."

Desree was, according to her grandson, King Oscar, almost heart-broken when Napoleon abandoned her for Josephine de Beauharnais, and never forgave him. For, after indignantly refusing Gen. Junot and Dupot, as well as several other suitors supported and sponsored by the emperor, she finally accepted Bernadotte, not because she loved him, but because in her eyes he was the only

Curious Receipt for Few Rent.
Mrs. Frank Bingham of Bristol, N. H., has a printed receipt, Oct. 29, 1877, for the sale of "One pew situated in the Congressional meeting house in said Bristol, on the floor of the same, and numbered 13, at \$5. by two several notes of hand of even date herewith; one drawn payable to the town of Bristol for \$1 on demand, with the interest annually; the other drawn payable to the treasurer of the First Congregational society in Bristol, or order, for \$2, in four months, and interest."

man capable of contending with Napoleon. The match, as might have been expected under the circumstances, did not turn out happily.

Bernadotte, on becoming crown prince and subsequently king of Sweden, lost his head so completely that, forgetful of the fact that he himself was a peasant from the Pyrenees, he reproached his charming wife with the lowliness of her birth, declaring that he had been guilty of a terrible mesalliance and that if he had only waited he might have had any princess of the blood in Europe for the asking—this, too, in spite of the fact that he had stood as a soldier on duty on what is now the Place de la Concorde at Paris on the occasion of the execution of King Louis XVI and that he had taken part in the shout of "Mort aux Tyrans" which greeted the exhibition of the severed head of their monarch to the multitude—words which, along with a Phrygian cap, were found tattooed on his right arm after his death.

Inherited Josephine's Eyes.
Queen Desree, whose sister Julia married King Joseph Bonaparte of Spain and lived with him for a time at Bordentown, N. J., survived her husband for many years and died shortly before the Franco-German war, universally beloved in Sweden, and, strangely enough, without ever having revisited her native land since the overthrow of the great Napoleon.

It is by an irony of fate that Queen Desree's only son, Oscar I, should have fallen in love with Josephine de Leuchtenberg, daughter of Eugene de Beauharnais, who was the only son of the Empress Josephine, for whose sake she had been jilted by Napoleon. In spite of his mother's opposition Oscar I insisted upon marrying Josephine de Leuchtenberg, and in this way the present king of Sweden, Oscar II, finds himself a grandson of Desree Clary and a great-grandson of Empress Josephine, whose singularly beautiful and expressive eyes he alone of all her descendants is said to have inherited—"Ex-Attache" in Pittsburg Dispatch.

Improving the Vernacular.
It is hoped that one of the first things done aboard the new battleship South Carolina when it is completed will be to organize a class in the pronunciation of its name. Let the crew, from the captain down, be trained to "South Car-ol-l-na." The word "Carolina" is pleasing to the ear, and is, in its American application, of historic significance. The early colony was named from the Latin in honor of Charles II, who made the original grant to the eight lords proprietors, in 1663. It is, therefore, particularly distasteful to South Carolinians to hear their state referred to as "South Cal-l-na" and themselves as "South Cal-l-nians." Such corruptions of the two words are totally inexcusable. Let the crew of the "South Car-ol-l-na" be trained in the proper pronunciation of the name, and perhaps in time northerners who come in contact with the men of the ship will catch the habit. But, for heaven's sake, do not have a "South Cal-l-na" in the United States navy.—Columbia, S. C., State.

The Decline of Chivalry.
Chivalry grew up in Europe as a peculiar institution after the fall of the Roman empire and it flourished through the middle ages. Its decay set in when Cervantes in his famous "Don Quixote" made it the object of his delicious and satirical ridicule. Long after the institution of chivalry disappeared its spirit survived in respect and courtesy to women, and this has been considered one of the highest manifestations of manhood. In the past few decades it has fallen more and more into disuse because the conventional social barriers between the sexes are being rapidly leveled and the women are claiming for their sex political, social and moral equality with men, and thus the old order changes and the new social relations are growing up between the sexes.

Born to Die in Bed.
An Italian of the name of Roberto was painting some of the iron work of the bridge that spans the great gorge at Victoria falls, Africa, the other day. The plank on which he was standing tilted and precipitated him down the side of the gorge. He struck the rock three times, turning a half somersault on each occasion, and eventually landed among the foundations a hundred feet below. Beyond three scalp wounds and a severe shaking and bruising he was none the worse for his adventure.

THE HORRORS OF WAR.

Chicago Journal Calls Slaughter Blot on Civilization.
History records no greater battle than that fought between Japan and Russia in and around Mukden. The estimates place the number of dead at not less than a hundred thousand souls.

The figure is so great that it beggars the imagination. Both sides have placed the very flower of their people in the field, men in the full prime of life.

The proportion of officers, men on whom the state had expended its utmost resources to fit them for their trade of death, have died with those they led. And a hundred thousand have gone down, "in one red burial blent."

The figure represents the effective male population of a city of three-quarters of a million people. Imagine the dismay that would burst from a horror-stricken world if within a few days that number were to die in such a city. In Chicago, for example, it would mean the total destruction of three out of the every eight men of military age within its limits.

Yet, since it is war, there are no expressions of horror and affright at such a loss. It is taken quite as a matter of course.

Had a Russian or a Japanese city been so stricken in times of peace, there would be great mass meetings everywhere to express sympathy with the afflicted and tens of thousands of dollars in money and supplies would be raised by popular subscription in order to express the world's practical sense of loss.

Is the world no older and wiser for all its centuries of Christianity? Is there no sense of human interest and proportion that can put an effective end to this infernal slaughter?—Chicago Journal.

GOVERNOR TO BE SENATOR.

James B. Frazier Chosen to Succeed the Late Gen. W. B. Bate.

Gov. James B. Frazier was nominated by acclamation in joint democratic caucus for Democratic senator from Tennessee to succeed the late Gen. W. B. Bate. Robert L. Taylor and Benton McMillan refused to go into the caucus. The nomination is equivalent to an election.

Mr. Frazier has served two months of his second term as governor of Tennessee. He was born in Tennessee forty-nine years ago and is a lawyer. His great-grandfather was a member of the first constitutional convention of Tennessee in 1796. His father was appointed judge of the criminal court at Nashville by Andrew Johnson, and was impeached by the Brownlow legislature. He was, however, restored to his civil rights by the constitutional convention of 1870, and elected to his old position.

The Stomachless Man.

The stomach proper has ceased to be a serious problem to the surgeon. He can invade and explore it with impunity. He can even, if circumstances demand, relieve the owner of it entirely, and so arrange the loose ends that the functions of nutrition are successfully maintained. To be sure, the patient can never thereafter derive much pleasure from his meals; he must restrict himself to a rigid diet, but for all the other affairs of life he may be as competent as before. There are to-day several stomachless men who are earning their daily predigestion in occupations varying from clerk to expressman.—McClure's.

Censure for Modern Critics.

Literary criticism was a bugbear to Prof. Fraser when he occupied a chair in Johns Hopkins university. He studiously avoided reading book reviews and had no patience with the spirit in which many of them were written. "Modern criticism," said he, when asked to explain his aversion, "seems to me to consist largely in measuring the wisdom and learning of others by the critic's own ignorance. Why, one celebrated critic laid down a rule that no author can succeed in describing what he has not experienced. He overlooks the fact that Dante had not been in hell nor Milton in paradise."

University Endowment.

The Leland Stanford, Jr., university has the greatest endowment of them all. Its productive funds amount to \$29,000,000 par value. Girard college comes next with \$17,715,000; then Harvard with \$16,755,000, and Columbia with \$15,847,000. All others are in seven figures instead of eight. And the Stanford endowment is the gift of a single individual or estate, instead of an accumulation of gifts, as in the cases of the other colleges and universities, excepting only Girard.—Boston Herald.

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Every housekeeper should know that if they will buy Defiance Cold Water Starch for laundry use they will save not only time, because it never sticks to the iron, but because each package contains 16 oz.—one full pound—while all other Cold Water Starches are put up in 3/4-pound packages, and the price is the same, 10 cents. Then again because Defiance Starch is free from all injurious chemicals. If your grocer tries to sell you a 12-oz. package it is because he has a stock on hand which he wishes to dispose of before he puts in Defiance. He knows that Defiance Starch has printed on every package in large letters and figures "16 oz." Demand Defiance and save much time and money and the annoyance of the iron sticking. Defiance never sticks.

The Associated Press.

The wires of the Associated Press, that great organization for gathering and spreading the news of the world form a network across the continent from St. John, N. B., to Seattle, Wash., and from Duluth, Minn., to New Orleans, Galveston, and the City of Mexico. The news it gathers during twenty-four hours, from every part of the world, amounts to thirty-five columns of a newspaper of average size. Seven hundred papers use this service. Melville E. Stone, the vice president and manager of the Associated Press, has written of the organization aims, and workings of the association; and the story will run through several issues of The Century. The April number will tell of its operations in Europe, and how its present efficiency was brought about. The present satisfactory conditions abroad were gained only through considerable diplomacy and through Mr. Stone's personal presentation of the matter to the Pope the President of France, the Emperor of Germany, and the King of Italy.

The March Pearson's.

Aside from its usual assortment of bright short stories, the March number of Pearson's Magazine includes eight special articles, four of which are particularly timely.

The most important of these is "The Poisons We Eat in Foods," by Dr. H. W. Wiley, Chief of the Department of Chemistry, U. S. Bureau of Agriculture. In this article Dr. Wiley tells the results of the experiments carried on up to date with his famous volunteer "poison squad." The Government employes who are submitting to a diet of adulterated foods to enable science to determine the deleterious effects on the human system. "Galveston, the City Reclaimed," tells of the wonderful engineering feat which in four brief years has enabled the flood-ridden city to rise from wreck and ruin to a model town of beauty and municipal reform. "McClusky, New York's ex-Chief of Detectives," tells of the stirring incidents in the career of George McClusky, the pupil and successor of the famous Inspector Byrnes.

The March "Arena" (Trenton, N. J.) contains an extremely interesting study of the dramas and social ideals of the great German author, Gerhart Hauptmann. This critique is from the pen of Professor Archibald Henderson and is the second in the "Arena's" series of papers treating of the great modern dramatists, their work and their ideals. This issue also contains a highly interesting pen-picture of a radical meeting recently held in Paris reported for "The Arena" by its commissioner, Mrs. Frances Hardin Hess. It being the first of a series of contributions which are to be furnished from time to time, describing leading social, political, literary and artistic events in the French capital. Mrs. Hess' paper is illustrated with a portrait of M. Jaures and also with half-tone portraits of M. Antoine France and the well known French journalist, M. de Pressensac.

Immense Crab.

The biggest crab has been caught in the North sea. It measured 2 feet 7 inches across, and had claws to correspond.

Dwarfs of Ox Family.
One of the greatest curiosities among the domesticated animals of Ceylon is a breed of cattle, known to the zoologist as the "sacred running oxen." They are the dwarfs of the whole ox family, the largest specimens of the species never exceeding 20 inches in height.

Mad Dogs Held Sacred.
It is claimed that if a dog goes mad among the Mokis, a special house is built for him, and that he is kept and nursed in the greatest reverence until he dies. Like the venomous reptile, the mad dog is sacred to this eccentric Arizona redskin.

Wedding Anniversaries.

Wedding anniversaries follow: First, cotton; second, paper; third, leather; fifth, wooden; seventh, woolen; 10th, tin; 12th, silk and fine linen; 15th, crystal; 20th, china; 25th, silver; 30th, pearl; 40th, ruby; 50th, golden; 75th, diamond.

Mosquito's "Usefulness" Lasting.
The old fashioned theory that a mosquito bites but once and then dies is a myth. Some varieties are ready for all comers although it takes three days to digest a full meal of blood.

What the Dentist Says.

Toledo, Ohio, March 27th—(Special.)—Harry T. Lewis, the well known dentist of 607 Summit street, this city, is telling of his remarkable cure of Kidney Disease by using Dodd's Kidney Pills.

"I was flat on my back and must say I had almost given up all hope of ever getting any help," says Dr. Lewis.

"My kidneys had troubled me for years. The pains in my back were severe and I had to get up several times at night. I tried different medicines but kept on getting worse till I was laid up."

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What a Mercer County (Ohio) Farmer Received from One Year's Crop.

Extracts from an interesting letter from P. H. Rynhard, of Starbuck, Manitoba, Canada, gives an excellent idea of the prosperity of those who have gone from the United States to Canada. He says:

"I bought, August, 1903, 480 acres of land, paying \$12,000 for it. We threshed 2,973 bushels of wheat and between 1,200 and 1,300 bushels of oats and barley from 200 acres. But part of the wheat went down before filling and was not harvested except for hay. The crop was worth at threshing time, \$3,000. Besides 120 acres laying idle except a timothy meadow, which is not included in this estimate. Counting the value of the product and the increase of value of land will pay me more than 25 per cent on the investment. Two brothers in the same neighborhood bought 160 acres each six years ago. They have not done a single thing to this land except to fence it and break and cultivate about one-half of it. Harvested last year 28 bushels wheat per acre. This year 27 bushels per acre. They can get any day \$25 per acre. These are only a few of many hundreds of such chances. It looks like boasting, but truth is justifiable and the world ought to know it, especially the home-seeker. I know of quite a few farmers that have made fortunes in from 10 to 20 years, retired with from \$20,000 to \$100,000."

Writing concerning another district in the Canadian West, S. L. Short says:

"Dear Sir—I have to inform you that I have just returned from the Carrot River Country in Saskatchewan, where I located land of the very finest black vegetable loam, which I am proud of, and will move in the spring. Farmers are still plowing there. A mild climate and beautiful country to behold. Cattle are fat and running outside. Wood and water good. Saw oats weighing 42 pounds to bushel. Potatoes large and well ripened; also wheat that brought there \$2 cents. The country exceeded my expectations. Saw oats in stock, thicker on the ground than appears in many of the illustrations sent out in descriptive pamphlets. I have been in many western states, but the soil excels any I ever saw."

The Canadian Government Agents at different points report that the enquiries for literature and railroad rates, &c., to Western Canada are the greatest in the history of their work.

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